

**CITY OF FITCHBURG
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2008

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Starr, Chairman, Phil Chalifoux, Harry Karis, Kevin Sanders (associate member)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Mike O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Room, First Floor, City Hall.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Westminster St. B.O.T. LLC (behind British-American Club)

Sean Morrison & Chris Deloge, Whitman & Bingham present - in response to enforcement order about fill on vacant lot adjacent to 17 Simonds Rd.

Since purchasing property, Morrison had taken 300 tons of debris & junk off site.

15-20 truck loads of fill were brought in. Some are near Phillips Brook.

Mike Donnelly - some fill is in a finger of wetlands.

Commission - remove fill from wetland. Is OK to mound up fill closer to street to prevent unauthorized access to property & prevent further dumping. Suggested gating off site to prevent further dumping.

Re-inspect at end of Month.

Fanelli, Ashby State Road & Taylor Rd.

Tom Christopher representing Mr. Fanelli. Acknowledged there are erosion problems there, but most erosion has been on abutters' property – there is large cut there. No other activity since last year.

There is a natural drainage swale from Fanelli onto abutters. They could re-route drainage swale, but is not a long-term solution.

It was determined to have Tim contact Tom Christopher to set up appt. for a site walk. Not allowed on land otherwise.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Phil Jordan, Cemetery Commissioner & Gary Bevilacqua present.

Discussed work at cemetery. – taking out fill down to hydric soils.

OK with work done so far.

Kevin had discussed with Mike Donnelly who could not be at meeting –

Per Kevin, Mike wants:

Plan to be designed by wetlands scientist

John Anderson and machine operator need to take MACC wetlands course (Mike D will find appropriate class)

Need base plan as a starting point. DPW-Engineering can do plan.

Consensus of Commission: OK for cemetery to pull invasive species, OK to remove a couple dead trees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Intent - Newark America, Snows Mill pond dam improvements

(postponed from 5-27-07)

Tighe & Bond had requested a postponement to September meeting. Commission agreed to postpone to Sept. 30.

Notice of Intent - Labell Construction, Fairmount St. & Depot Street Lots P-1 - P-5

(continued from 6-24-08)

Request to continue to next month received from Hannigan Engineering. They are revising plans. Commission agreed to continuance to Sept. 30

Notice of Intent - Fitchburg DPW - repair of Bridge pier - Putnam St. bridge over Nashua River

Gary Bevilaqua, DPW- Engineering presented plan and schedule for stabilizing bridge pier. Temporary rip-rap slope will provide access from rear of Fitchburg Tire property. Work plan reviewed by Gary. Mass Highway divers are available week of 8-17. They will pump grout into bags to support bridge piers. Motion made & seconded to grant Order of Conditions.

Commission requested report at 8-26-08 meeting of their progress to date.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Matt Marro was in to drop off request for Certificate of Compliance for Victoria Lane subdivision. The request was not accompanied by a certification by a P.E. that development was done according to the approved plan, or listing exceptions where it wasn't.

15 Parson Circle - Westminster St.

Mrs. Aldrich in to discuss situation. Since DPW put up berm on Parson Circle, situation has improved a lot.

Joel Kaddy is attempting to be intermediary between the Aldriches and the abutters, Bellofatto.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 p.m.